presented to the United Nations in 1988; and

(b) if so, the details therof and the achievement made in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi had presented an Action Plan for Ushering in a Nuclear Weapon-Free and Non-Violent Word Order at the Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1988.

(b) The Action Plan seeks the total elimination of nuclear weapons by the year 2010. The Action Plan calls upon the international community to negotiate a binding commitment to general and complete disarmament. It contains a package of measures that structurally link the entire range of issues presently on the world disarmament agenda. The most essenital feature of the Action Plan is the achievement of the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons in a phased and time bound manner. The Action Plan has been pursued at all relevant multilateral fora and in bilateral discussions with various countries. Considerable interest has been evinced by the international community for the Action Plan.

Posts lying vacant in CGHS Ayurvedic Dipensary in Pune

*479. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of a lady doctor was sanctioned nearly three years ago in the Ayurvedic Dispensary under CGHS in Pune;

(b) if so, wheher the same has remained unfilled since then and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the post is likrly to be filled up;

(d) whether the post of medical officer in-charge of the said dispansary has also fallen vacant due to the demise of the incumbent few months back;

(e) if so, by when the post is likely to be filled in; and

(f) whether due to non-filling of posts of male and female doctors in the said dispensary, patients are facing hardships and if so, what immediate steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Very shortly.

(f) There are no separate posts for Male and Female Ayurvedic Physicvian in the Dispensary. Recruitment action for filling up both the posts has been completed and the candidates are expected to join shortly.

Revision of Rates of Non-Practising Allowance to Homoeopathic Physicians

*480. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of N.P.A. have been revised for those Homoeopathic Physicians who are in the scale of pay of Rs. 2000-3500 and above as per the Ministry's letter No. A. 60011|5|86.ISM dated 27th February, 1991;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Research Assistants (Homoeopathy) who are in the scale of pay of Rs. 1400-2300 are not entitled to the revised N.P.A.;

(c) if so, whether the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has proposed to Government that the N.P.A. of Research Assistans (Homoeopathy) may also be revised suitably; and

(d) if so, when the proposal was made and what is the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The proposal was received in May, 1991 but was not agreed to.

Children worst Hit by Vehicular Pollution

4088. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment's attention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Children worst hit by vehicular pollution" as reported in the Indian Express dated 22-11.92;

(b) if so, whether the pollution level in Delhi has been increasing alarmingly and even the small kids are the maximum sufferer;

(c) wheher due to poisonous gases of vehicles several ailment have developed in prople.

(d) whether Government have failed to check pollution in the capital; and

(e) what concrete steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the air quality survey carried out by Central Pollution Control Board, the levels of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in Delhi are well within the prescribed limits, while the levels of suspended particulate matter are on the higher side... This is mainly due to natural dusty conditions and the increasing density of vehicular traffic. Small kids are sufferers because of their sensitivity Health effects are the result of multiple factors and, therefore any single factor does not have a direct relationship with morbidity.

(c) No well-designed epidemiological studies have born conducted in Delhi. However, a study on the effect of environmental pollution due to road traffic on the health of traffic policemen condoucted by the Central Road Research Institute (C.R.R.I.) New Delhi in collaboration with All Indian Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi and Traffic Police revealed that traffic policemen working constantly in adverse and extreme environmental conditions are effected, both in the short and the long run in the form of ill effects on Health and efficiency.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Steps taken to check air pollution in Delhi include the following;

(1) Ambient air quality standards have been prescribed.

(2) Standards for air polluting industries have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(3) Heavily polluting industries have been directed to comply with the consent conditions on a time bound basis.